NEWTON YOUTH COMMISSION Meeting October 2, 2013 MINUTES

Location: Newton City Hall, Room 222

Present: Kirsten Tuohy, Matt Green, Joe DeVito, Terry Sack, Stephanie Lapham

Staff: Jennifer O'Leary

Guests: Tom Pomeroy, Tasia Cerezo

Interns: Hannah Lass, Eliza Beth, Jacob Prince, Hiroki Shibuya, Jonah Kan

The meeting was opened at 6:50 PM.

A vote to accept the minutes of September 11, 2013 was passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- The budget for FY 2014 is \$2,500

- Expenses to date include:

\$0.00

\$2,500.00 Balance

\$586.12 Revolving Account Balance

Business:

Update from the Mayor's Public Service Interns:

- North Club Day went well, lots of new sign ups, South Club Day is on Friday and then we will host a New Members Meeting for Newton's Teen Voice
- Other recruitment ideas are moving forward
- NTV has been participating in CHNA 18 Grant work

CHNA 18 Grant:

- Two Youth Stress Focus Groups have been conducted consisting of a good mix of adults and teens
- Some forward progress has been made on ideas for monthly themes including academics, time management, sleep deprivation, etc. and discussion has begun about what types of programs could be implemented around these themes

Commission Changes:

- Recent conversation with the Mayor about vision for the future of youth services
- Youth will be commissioners and adults will sit on advisory board in the upcoming year
- Discussion about what voices are missing from the commission that should be represented including clergy and Newton South staff member
- Discussion of how to recruit students and making sure diverse voices are represented, want students from various neighborhoods and/or wards, be thoughtful about grade distribution, potential alternates in order to have a quorum and not put too much pressure on student commissioners

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

The next meeting is Wednesday, November 6, 2013.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer O'Leary